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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PROPOSED LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO BITSIOS RE AMMUNITION SHORTAGES AT SOUADA BAY (S/S 7516523)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR YOUR APPROVAL WHICH OUR AMBASSADOR WILL DELIVER TO BITSIOS.

2. PLEASE SEE BITSIOS AND DELIVER TEXT OF LETTER (BELOW) FROM THE SECRETARY RE AMMUNITION SHORTAGES AT SOUDA BAY. YOU SHOULD TELL BITSIOS THAT SHORTAGES CREATED VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR US. AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED RESTITUTION OF ALL MISSING AMMUNITION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF BITSIOS' PERSONAL REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY IN

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HELSINKI, THE SECRETARY HAS ARRANGED THAT AN EXCEPTION

SHOULD BE MADE IN THIS CASE. BITSIOS SHOULD ALSO BE TOLD THAT USG IS KEEPING MATTER CONFIDENTIAL. HOWEVER, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (ASPIN), THROUGH HIS OWN SOURCES, BECAME AWARE OF SHORTAGES AND IS PRESSING FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION. HE AND CHAIRMEN OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFINGS, BUT USG IS NOT AUTHORIZING THEM OR ANYONE ELSE TO RELEASE INFO TO PUBLIC. IF A LEAK SHOULD OCCUR, WE WILL LIMIT RESPONSE TO MINIMUM (AS AGREED IN PRESS GUIDANCE STATE 187196 AND ATHENS 5984).

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: AS I PROMISED YOU IN HELSINKI, ON MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON I REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF THE AMMUNITION SHORTAGES AT THE SOUDA BAY STORAGE SITE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. AS YOU KNOW, A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE THAT ALL MISSING AMMUNITION SHOULD BE RESTORED. WE WOULD STILL PREFER SUCH A PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT YOU RAISED WITH ME, AND TO EASE YOUR PROBLEM, WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT REPLACEMENT OF ALL MISSING ITEMS THAT CAN BE RETURNED AND PAYMENT ON A CASH BASIS FOR THE REMAINDER. I SUGGEST THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF AMMUNITION THAT WILL BE RETURNED AND THOSE THAT WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

3. SINCE OUR DISCUSSION IN HELSINKI THERE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM THE MEETINGS BETWEEN MESSRS. CLERIDES AND DENKTASH IN VIENNA. WE HOPE THAT THE MOMENTUM AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE DEVELOPED BY THEM WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THEIR MEETING IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 8-9. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, TO DISPLAY THE GREATEST POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY UNTIL A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS BEEN REACHED.

4. I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT MONTH IN NEW YORK DURING THE MEETING OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY THERE TO REVIEW WITH YOU CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A.

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KISSINGER. END TEXT.

RECOMMENDATION:

- THAT YOU APPROVE TEXT OF ABOVE LETTER.

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